

# PANIC AMONG GIRLS IN BROADWAY FACTORY

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## CITY ORDERS PURCHASE OF DREAMLAND FOR GREATER OCEAN PARK

Prendergast, Mitchel and Steers a Committee to Arrange Acquisition of Tract Suggested by The Evening World.

## RESTORING STOLEN STREETS IS PART OF PLAN ADOPTED.

City Heads a Unit in Indorsing the Scheme for Adding Burned Area to Small Playground.

With a view to acquiring the tract at Coney Island covered by the ruins of Dreamland and adjacent resorts for a city owned public beach and park, as suggested by The Evening World the day after the fire, two weeks ago, the Board of Estimate to-day appointed a committee, composed of Comptroller Prendergast, President of the Board of Aldermen Mitchel and Borough President of Brooklyn Steers, to investigate and report on the plan.

The resolution calling for the appointment of the committee came as the result of the action of the Board of Aldermen in adopting The Evening World's resolution "requesting the Board of Estimate to take the necessary steps to acquire for park purposes the land at Coney Island south of Surf avenue and extending from West Fifth to West Tenth streets, and other available beach property, and also to initiate such action as may be required to reclaim lands now the property of the city on the Coney Island beach which may be made available for beach and park purposes."

### MEMBERS OF BOARD HAVE INDORSED PARK SCHEME.

The resolution, which was No. 184 on the Board of Estimate's calendar, was not discussed at any length in the meeting, but it was the subject of comment which may be taken to indicate that the suggestion for a Greater Seaside Park will find favor with a majority of the members.

Borough President Steers of Brooklyn has already said that he favors the city's purchase of the strip now available through the fire provided it can be bought upon The Evening World's plan at a fair and reasonable price.

"A larger and more beautiful city park at Coney Island is a subject that should interest every member of the Board of Estimate," said Mr. Steers. "All of the boroughs are vitally interested, for Coney Island really belongs to the whole city. Every summer visitor to New York goes to Coney Island, and it is the duty of the city to rescue the beaches there from private interests. But I intend to see that the city keeps its eye wide open and pays no exorbitant price for the property now cleared of buildings by the recent fire."

Borough President McAneny of Manhattan said: "We are still discussing various plans for running more railroads to Coney Island and gathering more people there without providing a square foot more of space to hold them. In my judgment the city ought to look well toward the future and regain every foot of the beach it can."

"There could be no better opportunity for making a start upon a plan for properly utilizing the great natural gift than just now, with a large burned area directly adjoining the small tract of land owned by the city. I should favor the city's acquiring enough land to free the beach proper from encroachments of any sort. There is plenty of room for shops and amusement places back from the beach."

**WORTHY CAUSE, MAYOR GAYNOR'S COMMENT ON PLAN.**

Borough President Greener of Queens and Borough President Miller of the Bronx also expressed their approval of the plan.

## 12 MEN CAUGHT BY COLLAPSE OF HIGH BRICK WALL

Two Buried, Two Dying, Eight Slightly Hurt by Crash of Bronx Building.

CAR JUST ESCAPES.

Motorman Puts On Speed and Shoots Safely Beyond Falling Debris.

Twelve men were caught in the crash when a forty-foot brick wall of a new building at No. 130 Boston Road, the Bronx, collapsed this afternoon. Eight, seriously injured, were carried to hospital. Two others were completely buried. After digging for them fifteen minutes the searchers decided that they must be dead.

The missing men were: ELBERT, GIUSEPPE, of No. 134 East One Hundred and Second street. CLARKSON, PHILIP, of No. 30 East One Hundred and Eighth street.

Phillip Wattenberg, a contracting builder, has been putting up a row of three structures, each to be three stories in height, with stores on the ground floor and living apartments above. The fronts were yet to be put in, but the sides, the back and the inner walls had risen almost to the level of the roof rafters. It is supposed that recent rains weakened the masonry. At any rate, about 3.30 o'clock the north side wall suddenly crumbled and then went over with a roar, tumbling toward the inside.

When the structure arrived with ambulances bystanders and survivors, led by Murphy, had dragged out ten dazed, bleeding victims. Two of the injured were suffering merely from bruises, shock and cuts. They were patched up at a nearby drug store and sent home. Five others were rushed off in ambulances to Lehighon Hospital. Two of them were thought to be dying. Three others—James Sorolitto of No. 40 East Thirtieth street, John Vaccaro of No. 527 East Thirtieth street and Antonio Saglino of No. 29 East One Hundred and Forty-fifth street—were taken to Fordham Hospital. None of these was fatally hurt.

The two bricklayers were nowhere visible. Firemen began digging in the ruins, but failed to find them at first. The police made two arrests—Max Friendel of No. 38 East One Hundred and Twenty-third street, the foreman, and C. Gasara of No. 28 East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, the boss bricklayer. Wattenberg, the contractor, was also the owner of the building.

"Well," said President McAneny, "I would say that the subway matter will be cleared up by July 6. Then everything will have been straightened out. At the special meeting of the Board of Estimate next Wednesday much will be done toward adjusting subway difficulties. Then doubtless other meetings will be held until July 6, when everything will be settled."

"You said last week that the subway question would be cleared up this week. How about that?"

"Now there is no use of this discussion here at this time and the Mayor is not present," said President McAneny. "Don't let the impression get abroad that the subway situation will be settled quickly by July 6. By that date we can easily arrange to adjourn for the summer."

Having brought up the question of a vacation, President Miller then said he was in favor of having two meetings at least during the summer. Comptroller Prendergast protested against having summer meetings. The Board then adjourned.

The Board of Estimate will meet again on Monday, June 19, at 10 o'clock, at the City Hall.

## FIVE-CENT FARE TO CONEY IS WON COMPLETELY BY EVENING WORLD.

Why The Evening World's fight for a Coney five-cent fare has been won and cannot be turned into a club to defeat the adoption of the McAneny subway report.

A five-cent fare from Central Park to Coney Island is provided for over the entire B. R. T. system proposed by the McAneny report, without qualification.

If there is any deficit on the Coney Island line or on any other line in this system, division of profits between the city and the company is postponed until the deficit is earned by the whole system.

The Coney five-cent fare is further buttressed by the proposed guarantee by the city of a sum equal to the present net earnings of the four B. R. T. elevated roads to Coney Island.

Should the B. R. T. refuse to accept the city's proposition and try to maintain the Coney 10-cent fare, that company is confronted with this alternative: Either the completion of a Coney five-cent fare by means of the Triborough or independent subway from the Bronx to Coney Island, or the completion of a similar low fare from the Bronx over the present and new lines of the Interborough, which this company has already guaranteed.

## WOMAN CHASES THIEF IN WILD TAXICAB RACE

Says He Stole \$1,800 From Her, But He Gets Away After Long Pursuit.

Two taxicabs went racing up Broadway at 10 o'clock to-day and it was quite evident that a very excited woman in the one that was running second earnestly desired to hold speech with an equally excited man who occupied the one that led by a block. It was equally apparent to the curb spectators that the man did not share the woman's earnest wish for closer consultation.

The exciting race came to an abrupt ending when the woman alighted from her cab and got Policeman McCreave of the West One Hundredth street station, who was at Ninety-third street and Broadway, to stop the fleeing car ahead. The policeman stopped the machine, but the occupant made a flying leap before the halt and escaped. Then the woman recovered breath enough to report that \$1,800 had been stolen from her and that she was pursuing the man ahead on the idea that he had the missing funds.

She gave her name and address as Marian Trine, No. 324 West One Hundred and Eighteenth street. She made the acquaintance last evening of a man whose name she did not know, she explained. They went to the Hotel Waverly, at No. 15 West Forty-fifth street, where they had things to drink. When she awoke this morning she discovered for the first time that \$1,800 in good money had disappeared. How she got so quickly upon the trail of the man in the taxicab was not explained.

The race attracted much attention. It began in front of the Hotel Astor and continued on a westerly to Columbus Circle, where the two cabs looped the monument in record time. Then they broke away for a clear sweep up Broadway.

Detectives who talked with the woman said that the name and address she gave were incorrect. It is said she is the wife of a man who holds a responsible position and that she adopted an assumed name and address to conceal the fact that she had been having a little lark.

## THOS. W. CHURCHILL NAMED.

Mayor Appoints Him as Member of Board of Education.

Thomas W. Churchill, a member of the law firm of Churchill and Marlow of No. 63 Wall street, was appointed a member of the Board of Education to-day by the Mayor, to succeed the late Hugo Kanler. Mr. Churchill lives at No. 561 West One Hundred and Sixty-first street, and was Deputy Fire Commissioner in the first McCallan administration, 1904-1905.

Mayor Gaynor first offered Mr. Churchill the post of Deputy Fire Commissioner, but Mr. Churchill felt constrained to decline the appointment for business reasons. The same reasons, however, did not affect the later offer and Mr. Churchill has accepted the new post.

Mr. Churchill was graduated from the College of the City of New York in 1882, and for a number of years taught in the evening schools in Harlem.

## AGED WOMEN RAZE FENCE AS FAST AS WORKMEN BUILD IT

Take Law Into Their Own Hands and Lustily Wield Axes in Front of Home.

A big crowd cheered two aged women in front of their home at No. 615 East One Hundred and Eightieth street late this afternoon as they wielded axes and demolished a fence being erected by the New York Bill Posting Company.

The women were Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Cronnan, widows, who have lived in the house they occupy for years. The billposting company claims to have permission to erect the fence for advertising purposes, but the women dispute its right to do so.

As fast as the workmen would set up a post to-day, the women would force in and with lusty blows smash it down. The crowd cheered them on and when the workmen knocked off for the day, there was no more fence to be seen than when they started.

Mrs. Cronnan is said to be more than seventy-five years old, and Mrs. O'Connor is sixty-five.

## SCORES TO-DAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

AT ST. LOUIS.

GIANTS—0  
ST. LOUIS—0

Batteries—Crandall and Meyers; Sallee and Brennan.

AT CINCINNATI.

BROOKLYN—0  
CINCINNATI—0

Batteries—Rucker and Bergen; Suggs and McLean.

AT PITTSBURG.

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Batteries—Weaver and Kling; Hendrix and Gibson.

AT CHICAGO.

PHILADELPHIA—0 0 0 1  
CHICAGO—0 0 0 0

Batteries—Burns and Dooin; Brown and Archer.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

AT NEW YORK.

DETROIT—0  
HIGHLANDERS—0

Batteries—Mullen and Casey; Fisher and Swaine.

## POLICEMAN SAVES CHILDREN, BUT IS HURT BY RUNAWAY

Jumps to Stop Galloping Horse After Throwing Youngsters Out of the Way.

FALLS UNDER WHEELS.

Animal, Frightened by Auto, Is Driven Against Curb and Falls.

While Edward Fitzgerald, the son of William J. Fitzgerald, a contractor, was lunching in a restaurant in Twenty-third street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, this afternoon, his horse, standing in front of the place attached to a light runabout, was scared by an automobile and ran away toward Eighth avenue. There was no bridle on the animal, which was feeding from a bag hung over its head.

The runaway turned up Eighth avenue at a terrific pace. It reached Twenty-fourth street just as Policeman Henry Stewart was helping school children by the score over the crossing. Stewart fairly threw ten or fifteen little girls and boys out of the way and then made a leap at the horse. He caught the lead leg, but the strap broke and Stewart fell under the horse's hoofs. He was kicked on the head and body and the buggy wheels passed over him.

Policeman Loeb, at the next crossing, leaped at the horse's head. There was nothing to grip but the mane, and Loeb missed that. He rolled in the street, but was not hurt. The horse was caught at Twenty-sixth street by Mounted Policeman Sherer, who steered it into the curb so that it fell.

Meantime Loeb had run to the aid of Stewart who was unconscious and badly cut. A crowd of hysterical school children were screaming about him. Loeb lifted Stewart into a taxicab and rushed him to New York Hospital. There it was said that his injuries were serious, but that his danger could not be estimated until he could be found how badly he was hurt internally.

## STUDENT PLUNGES INTO OCEAN AND RESCUES WOMAN

She Refuses to Give Her Name and Leaves Scene in an Omnibus.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 15.—William Essers, a Lehigh College student, plunged from the end of the Steel Pier, fully clothed, at noon to-day to rescue an unidentified woman who jumped from the structure in an attempt to end her life.

Joseph Garvey and Earle Davis, two Philadelphia men, who were swimming near, came to his assistance. They brought the woman ashore. She was escorted to a bus and hastily left the scene without giving her name or the cause of her attempt at suicide.

The sensational plunge of the mysterious stranger and her rescue caused wild excitement among the hundreds on the pier and in the water. There was a general dash to the scene from all sections of the beach and when the woman was brought ashore the police were forced to interfere to keep back the crowd.

**Bignami Goes to Sing Sing.**  
Abraham Rubin, twenty-nine years old, a tailor of No. 132 McKibbin street, Brooklyn, was sentenced to not less than one nor more than four years in Sing Sing for bigamy by Judge Swann in General Sessions to-day.

Rubin was convicted of abandoning a wife he married in Russia thirteen years ago and marrying again in 1910, while the abandoned wife was struggling to support herself and her two children in Boston.

## 500 GIRLS RUSH IN PANIC TO BROADWAY AS FUSE BLOWS OUT IN FACTORY

Cry of "Fire" at Sudden Explosion Sends Shirtwaist Makers and Skirt Workers in Terror From Their Machines.

## NO ONE IS HURT IN MAD FLIGHT DOWN THE STAIRS.

Twelve Hurt in Scare Over Small Blaze in Same Building Six Weeks Ago.

Five hundred girls, employed in two factories at Nos. 546-548 Broadway, rushed in panic to the street this afternoon when an electric fuse in the shirt-waist factory of Sherr Brothers blew out. In vain did the men who had charge of the factories plead with them that nothing serious had happened and urge them to sit still and retain their composure.

The girls pushed their protectors back and fled headlong to the stairways. When they got to the street they found that they had run away from no danger and that their wild scare had been without reasonable cause.

## WANDERLUST PILLS SEND FIREMAN WITH A COLD OUT OF JOB

Reverse English Effect of Dope Not Enough to Keep Him on Engine.

If Fire Commissioner "Joe" Johnson can learn the recipe for the pills Fireman James M. Brett took for a cold a couple of weeks ago, he will immediately get about a prescription of the remedy where they are manufactured, so he will be sure no more of them will fall into the hands of other members of the department.

Brett, who was engineer of Company No. 16, was before the Commissioner to-day charged with being about five days without leave. His trial was set for last Thursday, but he didn't appear.

"What was the matter with you?" asked the Commissioner. "I had a cold," said Brett, who had pleaded not guilty, "and I took some pills. I don't remember any more until I found myself in Yonkers. The cold didn't leave me, so I took some more pills and when I came to I found myself in Albany. After I had taken the rest of the pills I woke up back in New York."

"The last dose had a sort of reverse-English effect, I presume," said the Commissioner. "May I ask what kind of pills these were?" said a witness. "Well, I'm going to dismiss you again," said the Commissioner, "and this time there won't be any reinstatement."

**Gets Tighe's Place.**  
ALBANY, June 15.—State Comptroller of Excise W. W. Farley to-day appointed Ira L. Brownson of Brooklyn as attorney in the Kings County office of the Department. He succeeds the late Judge Tighe and will receive \$2,000 a year.

**Four Faint, but None is Injured.**  
Four of the girls fainted, but they made up the total casualty list. Not so much as a scratch was to be found on any of the panic-stricken workers. That many of them were not hurt is thought by the police to have been a miracle.

Sherr Brothers, in whose factory the fuse blew out, said that after the panic of six weeks ago in which twelve girls were hurt, the Building Department ordered new fire escapes constructed. These featured that workers, who were putting in the escapes, dropped some iron that caused the trouble.

The center who made the investigation would not accept this statement and said the entire panic was due to the simple blowing out of a fuse—one of the most common things that ever happens where electricity is used for power purposes.